

REMARKS

Applicant replies to the Advisory Action dated September 1, 2009 and after filing an RCE. Claims 1-123, 158 and 159 remain pending. The Examiner allows claims 1-70 and rejects claims 71-123, 158 and 159. Support for the amendments may be found in the originally-filed specification, claims, and figures. For example, in the Abstract; column 1, lines 50-67; column 2, lines 35-47; and column 9, lines 38-48. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner maintains the rejections of claims 71-123 under 35 U.S.C. 251 as being an improper recapture of broadened claimed subject matter surrendered in the application for the patent, upon which the present reissue is based. Claims 72-123 stand rejected as being dependent upon independent claim 71. **Applicant notes that the Examiner does not specifically reject claims 158 and 159, and these claims previously included the exact language requested by the Examiner.**

Specifically, with respect to independent claim 71, the Examiner contends that Applicant deleted, removed or omitted the limitation of "applying the solution as the travel scheme for minimizing travel costs by purchasing travel trips in accordance with the solution". The Examiner contends that such claim limitation is surrendered subject matter. As set forth in the previous Replies, Applicant respectfully disagrees. However, to expedite prosecution and to clarify the patentable features, Applicant amends independent claims 71, 88, 105, 158 and 159.

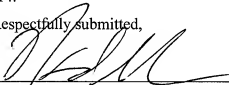
More specifically, the Examiner asserts that the narrow scope of the original patent was not an error, so removing the identical clause ("applying the solution as the travel scheme for minimizing travel costs by purchasing travel trips in accordance with the solution") violates the recapture rule because such clause is considered surrendered subject matter for the original patent. **Accordingly, to expedite prosecution, Applicant amends independent claims 71, 88, 105, 158 and 159 to add back the requested subject matter.**

Claims 72-87, 89-104 and 106-123 variously depend from independent claims 71, 88 and 105, so Applicant asserts that dependent claims 72-87, 89-104 and 106-123 are

allowable for the same reasons as set forth above, in addition to their own respective features.

Applicant submits that the formal matters related to this application are now in compliance with all statutory requirements. Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the above in greater detail, then the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience. Applicant authorizes and respectfully requests that any fees due be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-2814.

Respectfully submitted,



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